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Campus organization hosts canned food drive Students get class incentive

Written by:
Victoria Rajkumar

Law school fraternity Phi Alpha Delta and the Public Interest Law Society hosted the Annual Canned Immunity food drive Nov. 14-18. The organizations collected canned and boxed items that will be donated to the local food bank, Feeding South Florida.

The Shepard Broad Law Center organizes several competitions throughout the year to encourage students to donate canned food to a local shelter. First-year law students compete, in six sections, to see who can donate the most goods. Last year, nearly 10,000 cans were donated to local shelters.

As an incentive to participate, law school faculty agrees to grant immunity to students, allowing one student, from each of the six sections, who brings the most cans to the drive to be exempt from



Students from NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center donate canned food to help feed the needy for Thanksgiving.

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answering difficult questions posed in class for one day.

Martavis Clarke, president of Public Interest Law Society, said, "This year, multiple sections have declared war against each other to see who could bring in the most cans. But Canned Immunity really brings

a sense of unity throughout the law center as we all rally together for a common cause. This is one of the biggest public service events held by student organizations at the law center and the reward is invaluable."

Hannah Knight, the justice for Phi Alpha Delta - Fleming Chapter

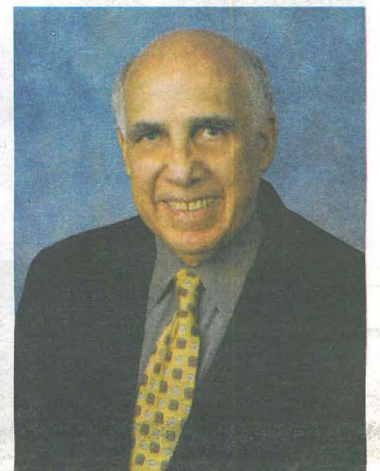
and third-year law student said that, as future lawyers, it is a privilege and a responsibility to participate in such an event for the betterment of the community.

"This is one of the events that I think sets NSU LAW apart and

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NSU College of Osteopathic Medicine dean dies of surgical complications

Written by:
**Victoria Rajkumar
& Arash Nasajpour**



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Lawrence Jacobson, vice dean of NSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine, died on Nov. 10 following surgery to repair a brain bleed caused by a serious head injury. Jacobson has worked with NSU since 1995.

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SEE JACOBSON 2

NSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine receives \$1.3 million grant

Written by: **Arash Nasajpour**

The College of Osteopathic Medicine received a five-year, \$1.3 million dollar grant from the Health Resources Service Administration, a large federal grant agency for medical schools, in partnership with the Miami-Dade Larkin Community Hospital. The grant, which went into effect last month, will enhance the curriculum for family practice medicine.

The faculty at College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Larkin Community Hospital in Miami, which has 18 NSU residents, will use the grant to educate residents about the unique health care needs of patients in medically underserved communities by training them in communication and interpersonal skills.

Residents will also be trained in modern medicine through curriculums in informatics tools, electronic medical records, medical ethics and emergency situations such as

nuclear and biological threats.

Grants from the Health Resources Service Administration are difficult to acquire and often require multiple submissions of the application to receive funding.

Joseph S. De Gaetano, associate dean for clinical curriculum and professor in the NSU Department of Family Medicine, said the combined effort between the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Larkin Community Hospital largely expedited the receipt of grant funding.

"With only a second attempt, the review committee at HRSA approved their application and the grant. Furthermore, the help of Dr. Lenard Levy [associate dean of education, planning and research at The College of Osteopathic Medicine] was instrumental, for writing the application," said De Gaetano.

The grant will also be used to fund the

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The \$1.3 million dollar grant from the Health Resources Service Administration will allow the NSU College of Osteopathic Medicine - in conjunction with Larkin Community Hospital - to expand their services to benefit the community.

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really presses home the importance of helping others and being an active part of our community," she said.

Eric Arkey, president of the Student Bar Association, said, "These organizations are dedicated

to community outreach, not only in donations of food and money but also in coordinating students and lawyers to donate legal services."

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publication of a mandatory research project by residents. De Gaetano said the project will sharpen the residents' skills in experimental procedures such as cleanliness, clarity, presentation and publication.

De Gaetano said the added benefits of a research project to the

practice of medicine in underserved communities are essential for the residents' holistic understanding of science.

Jessie Dubey, third-year medical student, said, "We have a strong conviction in treating the body as a whole."

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brain bleed caused by a serious head injury.

Jacobson had worked with NSU since 1995 and was also a founding faculty at Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. His accomplishments included: running a successful neurology practice, serving as medical director of the brain trauma unit at Southfield Rehabilitation Center in Michigan and serving as dean for academic affairs at Des Moines University's College of Osteopathic Medicine in Iowa.

Joseph De Gaetano, associate professor of family medicine and associate dean of clinical and graduate medical education at The College of Osteopathic Medicine, said Jacobson was like a gentle giant within the osteopathic profession, a mentor and role model for all who had the honor to know and work with him.

"He exemplified a leadership style steeped in extreme humility, compassion, and professionalism. He was [the college's] unsung hero as he managed day-to-day operations

of our college — never seeking accolades, honors or praise," said De Gaetano. "His qualities are to be emulated by all. He will be missed but never forgotten by those who had

superb stalwart administrative skills with a great wit, along with a healthy dose of common sense. I will deeply miss working with him," he said.

Scott Colton, director of medical communications, recalled how selfless Jacobson was and his immeasurable contributions to the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Colton said, "I was always struck by how humble he was for a man who had accomplished so much. He was never interested in self-promotion. Instead, he chose to do his job magnificently well in a low-key manner."

Leonard A. Levy, associate dean for education, planning and research, met Jacobson in Iowa where they worked as educators. Levy said Jacobson

was an integral part of The College of Osteopathic Medicine and a dear friend to him and many members of the college.

"We were like family, different genes, but a family," said Levy.

Jacobson leaves behind his wife and two children: a son, who works in a top military position and a daughter who is an ESPN 2 anchor.

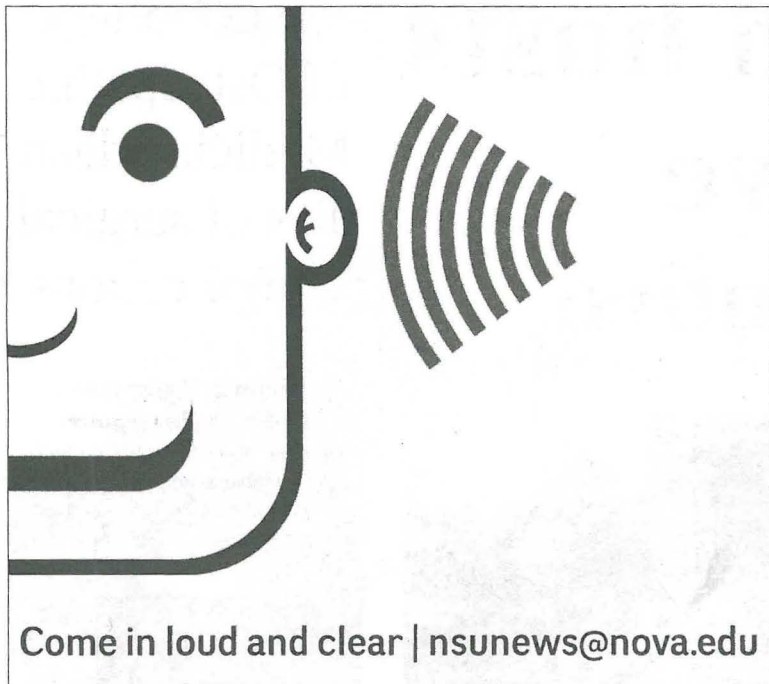
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-Dr. Joseph De Gaetano

the privilege to call him colleague and friend."

Robert Hasty, assistant professor of internal medicine at the College of Osteopathic Medicine, remembers Jacobson as a wonderful colleague and a gentleman.

"Over the years, it was a pleasure to work with him. He had an amazing way of balancing his



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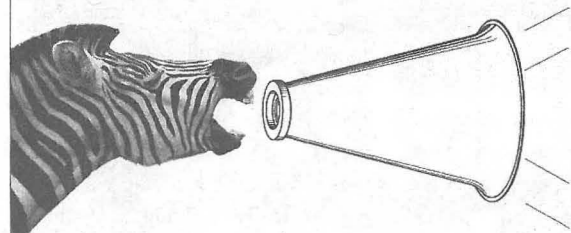
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News Briefs

NSU to test emergency notification systems

On Dec. 2, at 2 p.m., the NSU Emergency Notification System will be tested. This includes: mass email; SMS text messages; indoor and outdoor public address systems, including two-way classroom intercoms and emergency blue light phones; "Sharktube" displays throughout campus buildings; digital signage; and NSU's emergency hotline. Students should have their campus emergency alert number updated and can do so by logging into WebSTAR and registering their correct phone number(s).

Actor Taye Diggs at the Museum of Art Ft. Lauderdale

On Nov. 20, actor Taye Diggs, from the movie "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" and the TV show "Private Practice," conducted a free signing of his book "Chocolate Me!" at Books & Books, located in the lobby of the Museum of Art Ft. Lauderdale. His book is based on the experiences of children feeling different and trying to fit in.

Two men survive after being stranded at sea

Mike Ayres of Michigan and his shipmate, Steffon Moore, were released from the Boca Raton Regional hospital on Nov. 15 after being treated for fatigue and dehydration from being stranded at sea for three days. The two made it to shore near 750 S. Ocean Blvd. on a dingy after their boat began to sink near The Bahamas.

Broward County appoints new mayor

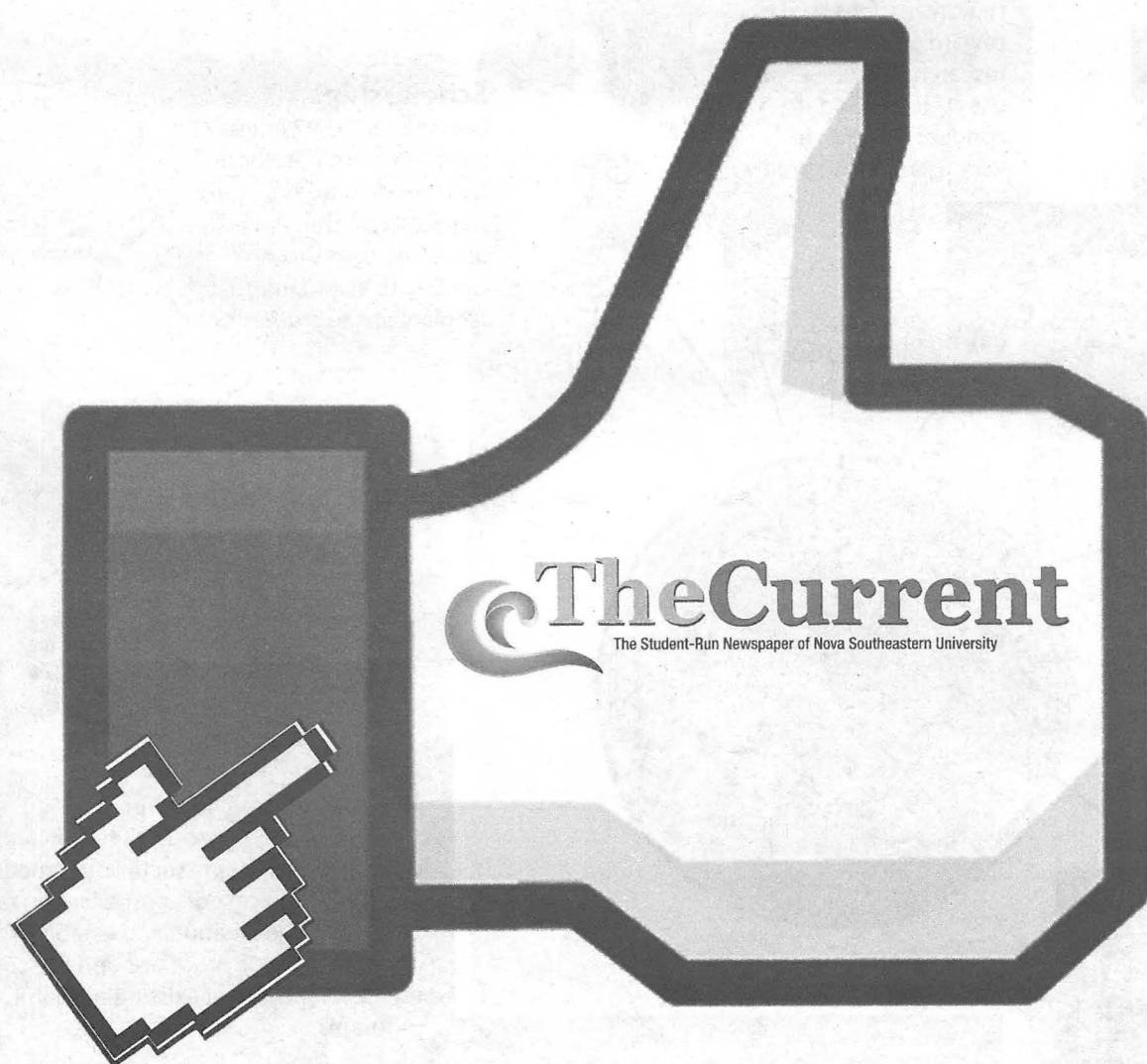
County commissioners welcomed new Mayor John Rodstrom and Vice Mayor Kristin Jacobs on Nov. 16. Rodstrom replaces former Mayor Sue Gunzberger. Every year the commissioners vote two of their peers into the leadership position.

Shooting at UC Berkeley

On Nov. 15, shots were fired on the UC Berkeley campus by a male shooter. Officials suspect that the shooting was related to the Occupy Cal movement, another version of Occupy Wall Street, but the actual motive is still unknown. The armed man was shot by police and rushed to the hospital where he later died. The shooter was identified only as an undergraduate, in his early 30s, at the university's Haas Business School.

Fall Faculty Lecture Series ends

The final talk in the Fall 2011 Faculty Lecture Series, hosted by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, will be held in the Alvin Sherman Library, second floor Gallery, Dec. 1 from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Charles Zelden, Ph.D., professor in the FCAS Division of Humanities, will present a talk titled, "The Strategy of Using Truth to Combat Power: Thurgood Marshall's and the NAACP's Legal Strategy in the Fight for Racial Justice." The event is free and open to the public.



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Written by: **Alyssa Sterkel**

Thanksgiving is over. You're stuffed full of turkey, mashed potatoes and green bean casserole. Now it's time to finish the semester and study for finals. I know what you're thinking. You wish you could close your eyes and the semester would be over. You'd have "A's" on all your finals and "A's" in all your classes. And as much as I'd like to pull an I-dream-of-genie moment and grant you your wishes, I can't. But you can.

The semester will end in just over a week, and this is the time to focus. Your finals will not pass themselves. You need to get in gear and get through it.

Your first step is to get in the right mindset. You're in the home stretch. Only a couple more days and, winter break, here you come. So, before you start groaning with the thought of picking up your textbook and reading, remember that this is the last time you'll have to study for that class.

The second step is to not

It's finals week: Don't panic

procrastinate. When I say this I am preaching to myself. I am the worst when it comes to studying. I cram 'til I can't cram anymore, but I do not recommend this. Procrastination is the worst idea for a final, simply because you cannot boost your grade afterwards with extra credit if you do fail. This is the last test for each of your classes. Your final is a big percentage of your grade, so if you fail this because you didn't study, it's your fault.

The third step is not to have too much fun. I may be over



Don't let this be you during finals week. Start studying now.

exaggerating about your social life, but you get the point. Have you ever heard the saying where you have three options, sleep, school,

or socializing, and you can only pick two? Well, if you've picked sleep and socializing all semester, it's time to re-organize your priorities. For the next ten days, you're sleeping and studying. No parties the night before a final, no midnight premieres and no late night runs to Steak 'n Shake. Got it?

The fourth step is to study smart.

This means study where and when you study best. If you can remember definitions and mathematical equations at Starbucks at 3 a.m., then go for it, but if you

can't please stay away. Study in a place that is conducive to learning for you. For me, I can't study if there is commotion around. I end up with the worst ADD and read the same paragraph five times. I have to study in my room where it's quiet, so I can recite out loud.

The fifth and last step is to try not to stress yourself out. If you're a freshman, get used to finals. You will experience them about seven more times. If you're a senior, this is your second to last time going through this. The point is that you can't change finals week. You can't make it go away. So don't freak out. If you start studying early, and I mean really studying, you should be fine. And if you don't memorize everything in time, well, there's no use having a heart attack during your final. It will be too late so don't fret.

I know this is the week every student dreads. I bet you just want to flush finals week down the toilet. But, you'll be back home spending time with family soon enough. So good luck my fellow NSU students and I hope you get all "A's."

Where do my tuition and fee\$ go?

Written by: **Dean Gabriel Williams**

An undergraduate full-time student will have paid approximately \$31,692 for tuition and fees by the end of the academic school year. Here is a simplified breakdown of where undergraduate tuition and fees go, by general categories:

Campus Services

\$1,901.52 or 6 percent of tuition and fees paid goes toward campus services. Campus services include the cost of maintaining the university center, university technology and other campus services, including food and beverage and retail outlets.



University Research

\$633.84 or 2 percent of tuition and fees paid goes toward university research. The university uses this funding to conduct research in various academic areas.



Public Service

\$316.92 or 1 percent of tuition and fees paid goes toward public service. Public service is inclusive of all of the mechanisms that the university implements to keep the university community safe.



Scholarships

Less than \$316.92 or less than 1 percent of tuition and fees paid goes toward scholarships. The university uses this funding to award internal scholarships to students.



Academic Support

\$4,436.88 or 14 percent of tuition and fees paid goes toward academic support. Think of academic support as the tools necessary for you to realize your full academic potential, such as Blackboard, the newly implemented on-line educational portal.



Institutional Support

\$5,070.72 or 16 percent of tuition and fees paid goes toward institutional support. Institutional support is the cost of compensating staff and administration and the cost of the maintenance of physical facilities such as classrooms, residence halls and parking garages.



Instruction

\$18,064.44 or 57 percent of tuition and fees paid goes toward instruction. Instruction is essentially the cost of compensating faculty, the cost of the creation and establishment of new academic programs and the cost of the development of existing academic programs.



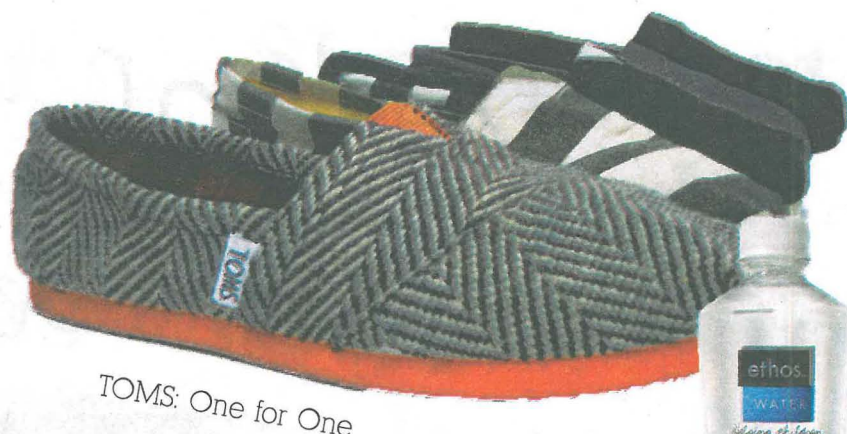
The Undergraduate Student Government Association receives \$100,000 annually to distribute amongst undergraduate student organizations on campus. Budget hearings are held in May and December of each academic school year, so that student organizations receive funding in time for the fall and winter semesters.

All of the facts and figures cited here are based off percentages found in Nova Southeastern University's 2011 Fact Book, provided to *The Current* by the Office of Institutional Advancement. It is important to note that there is an approximate \$950.00 or 3 percent error because the mathematics used for the purpose of this article is theoretical, and not actual, in nature. Former undergraduate student government president Anthony Campenni was essential in understanding the fundamentals of the allocation of student activity fees.

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Many businesses help you shop for a cause. When you spend your money, you're not being materialistic. You're giving back. It's a movement that has taken off and businesses are capitalizing on it, and I'm glad. We're the shopping generation and not just with clothes. We buy shoes, gadgets, coffee, and other "necessities." We're never going to stop shopping, so why not join the movement. Here are a few companies that will help you help others.



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organization started out with the slogan "With every pair you purchase, TOMS will give a pair of new shoes to a child in need. One for One." This year, TOMS added the eyewear movement. For every pair of eyeglasses you purchase, TOMS gives sight to a person in need through medical treatments, prescription glasses or sight-saving surgery. TOMS is not only a great company that gives back to the community, you'll like what you buy.

The shoes are comfortable and cute, as are the glasses. They may be a little pricey with their glasses starting at \$135 and their shoes starting at \$44, but remember, you're buying two pairs. You can buy TOMS shoes or glasses at www.toms.com.

Warby Parker: is another organization with an eyewear movement. You buy a pair and give a pair. Warby Parker partners with non-profit organizations to deliver one pair of glasses to someone in need. The glasses you purchase include prescriptions and start at \$95. I know you're in college and \$95 could buy you a lot of food, but remember, you're helping a child see the writing on a blackboard or helping a parent drive. You can buy Warby Parker glasses at www.warbyparker.com.

Land of a Thousand Hills Coffee Company: With their slogan "Drink Coffee. Do Good," this coffee company helps communities in countries like Rwanda, Haiti and Thailand to create a sustainable income by growing and selling coffee. If you buy their coffee, you'll receive 100 percent Arabica, fairly traded and roasted fresh coffee. They sell regular and decaf in various sizes and in whole bean or ground varieties. The coffee starts out at \$12.95. Get your coffee fix and help communities thrive at www.landofathousandhills.com.



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Starbucks Coffee Company: If coffee is an addiction for you, you'll be happy to hear that Starbucks Coffee Company helps you give back too, but with their water and book sales. Profits from book sales go toward advocating literacy, and for every bottle of Ethos Water they sell, five percent of the profits goes to producing clean water for children in third world countries. So next time you buy a triple tall Americano with breve and six pumps of classic syrup, remember to buy a bottle of Ethos water or a book, too.

Roma Provisions: If you're sick of ruining your shoes with the amount of rain Florida has, type in www.romaprovisions.com into your web browser. This company is "warming the world" with their rain boots. Roma Provisions sells rain boots, and for every pair sold, their subsidiary, Roma for All, distributes boots to children living in poverty. Their mission is to keep the feet of children living in cold and wet climates warm and dry. Their boots cost \$84, but they're cute, simple and you're helping a child.

One World Futbol Project: An organization that should appeal to athletes is the One World Futbol Project. This company sells \$39.95 soccer and multi-sport balls that are unique, durable and for any terrain. It never needs inflating and will never go flat. For every ball you buy, one goes to a refugee camp, a war zone, an inner city or a poverty-stricken community. You can pick which community you want the ball to go to at www.oneworldfutbol.com.

Baby Teresa: Instead of calling it a one for one movement, the organization, Baby Teresa, says you're buying once and sharing twice. For every baby onesie you buy, one goes to a baby in need. You can help clothe a baby from Egypt, the Philippines, Tanzania and many other countries. The goal of the company is to clothe at least one baby from every country in the world. You can buy a onesie at www.baby-teresa.com and they start at \$29.95.

Fair Trade: If none of these companies interest you, one movement you can check out is fair trade. Fair trade helps people in developing countries have better trading conditions and helps support sustainable living in communities. This movement focuses on handicrafts, coffee, cocoa, sugar, tea, bananas, honey, cotton, wine, fruit, chocolate, flowers and gold. Fair trade products can be found at www.fairtradeusa.org, www.serrv.org, www.thehungersite.org and many other websites.

My Christmas list includes a pair of TOMS. I am slightly obsessed with these shoes, but, most of all, I love the heart behind the company. My dream would be to intern at TOMS. TOMS has helped me shop for a cause and hopefully this information has helped you find your one for one movement.



"It seems hard to imagine, but more than 1 billion people on our planet can't get clean water to drink." Ethos Water Fund

Diary of... a break dancer

Written by: **Nhee Vang**

Nhee Vang is a second-year master's student in the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences studying College Student Affairs. His philosophy on life is believing in hard work and helping others. He enjoys playing volleyball and basketball, traveling the world and eating different cultural foods.

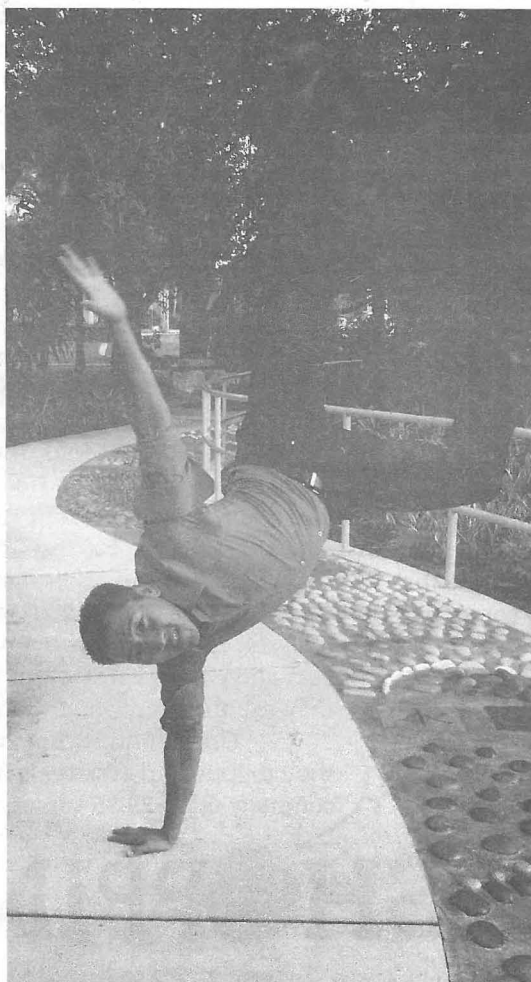
I will always be a b-boy. Break dancing not only changed my life, it shaped it.

I moved from a small city to a bigger one when I was 11 years old and finishing up my 5th grade year. It was hard to adjust to city life with more people than I was used to. It was even more difficult making new friends. When I started middle school, most people I knew were joining clubs or groups they were interested in, like band, choir, science, math, or a sport. It was a hard time for me. I felt depressed and lonely. I didn't know what I wanted to do. I didn't know what I really liked and didn't know what I would be good at. I didn't have any confidence in myself.

But by the end of my 6th grade year, there was a new student, Bobby, who just moved from California and transferred to my school. I was too shy to talk to him but I could tell he seemed lost and probably felt lonely too. I noticed that he usually stayed late after school. I thought he stayed late to study so I decided that I should stay late as well. I remember from outside the hallway, I heard funky dance music. I followed the sound all the way to the end of the school where I saw Bobby doing what looked like dancing, but I wasn't sure. He turned down the music, smiled at me, and asked, "Want to learn?" I didn't know what he was talking about but I replied, "What am I learning?" He said, "break-dancing."

I didn't understand what break-dancing was, so he showed me. He was spinning on his head, doing flips, walking on his hands, and finishing it off with a pose. It looked awesome. He moved so fluidly and was so smooth. I wanted to try it and I wanted to learn. I felt like this was something I could do. But Bobby was very honest and clear with me and said, "If you're going to break dance, you're going to need to learn the basics. It's going to be time consuming and hard since you have to develop your body, but I guarantee you, with time and patience, you'll be able to do it."

From then on, I practiced every day after school. I would stretch, lift a few weights and learn to control my body's center of balance. Break-dancing was hard and challenging. I didn't learn my first b-boy move until



COURTESY OF NHEE VANG
Nhee Vang is a graduate student studying College Student Affairs who grew up being a b-boy.

after three months of practice and training. However, during that time, I had the opportunity to build my self-confidence. It was fun and exciting. At the end of 6th grade, I was part of the talent show with Bobby and we won 1st place.

I found my confidence. I learned to have fun. I learned to appreciate music and dance. I practiced break dancing all through middle school and high school. I was able to join dance groups and be part of musical productions. Learning to break dance was a big challenge, but I was able to apply it to my own life. All the adversities and challenges I faced, I was able to overcome with time, patience and the willingness to try. Putting hard work and effort into something that I enjoyed helped me realize my own passion for learning.

It's been years since I have practiced but whenever I hear music, I will definitely break it down.



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NSU softball finishes fall training

Written by: **Kevin Preciado**

Softball wrapped up its fall training on Nov. 8. With ten new recruits, the team is hoping to improve from last season's 32-20 record when it begins its season on Feb. 1. Head Coach Lesa Boneé said she wants more depth from the players this season, and that's why she had such a large recruiting class.

"At the end of the day, we just want good student-athletes — somebody who's going to perform well in the classroom, buy into our program, [know] what it means to be a Shark and perform on the field."

By having 19 players, the team has the unique ability of holding inter-squad scrimmages, and Boneé likes this.

"Carrying a roster of 19, we did several inter-squad scrimmages," she said. "I'm so excited that we can do that now that we have enough numbers."

Laura Saladrigas, junior utility player, led the conference in RBIs last season. She said there is a specific quality in the new players that she likes.

"I like the power that everyone brings. That's something we definitely needed. So, I think that's something that stands out right away," said Saladrigas.

Krista Colburn, freshman catcher, said she has enjoyed the intensity of college-level practices because it will ultimately prepare the team for the upcoming season. Colburn said softball was one of the reasons she chose to attend NSU.

"I really wanted to go into marine biology. I really liked the softball program, and coach recruited me at a camp back home in Colorado. I came on a visit, and it was love at first sight for me. I love the campus," she said.



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Laura Saladrigas, junior utility player, hopes to defend her crown as the conference leader in RBIs as NSU softball begins its season on Feb. 1.

Boneé said she has been pleased with how the team has progressed. She said this is going to be an exciting team to watch.

Saladrigas said, "I can't wait to just get on the field. It's all about that feeling you get on game day. You can't replace that feeling."

ON THE BENCH

Commentary by:
Kevin Preciado



On the bench: When in doubt, Tebow it out

Is there a more enigmatic figure in the sports industry than Tim Tebow? I certainly can't think of one. Many experts have flat out said that this guy can't make it in the NFL. Yet he continues to win games in an unconventional method.

He isn't exactly putting up Aaron Rodgers numbers, but his record this season as a starter is 4-1. The offense will look anemic at times when Tebow is on the field, but when it matters most, he is able to will his team to victory.

It truly is remarkable, and I honestly can't explain it. Tebow is proving the doubters wrong and leaving opponents flabbergasted.

Tebow has already delivered in the clutch by leading his team to two comeback victories this season. When someone keeps pulling off miracle comebacks, it can no longer be considered luck. His style of

play might be unorthodox, but it has brought results.

Ever since his Florida Gator days, I have found myself pulling for this guy, and I'm a Hurricane fan. Tebow plays with such determination and enthusiasm that it's tough to root against him. Plus, he seems to be a genuinely nice and humble person, and that's what I admire most about him. He is a true role model.

He is carried by his faith, and even when there is seemingly no chance to win a football game, he has faith in his abilities which allows him to persevere.

Tebow may not have the rocket arm or be an accurate thrower, but he continues to win. What's the saying? Where there's a will, there's a way. Tebow's will is unrivaled, and the world will be watching to see what heroics he has in store.

Exploring the sports and recreation management program

Written by:
Kevin Preciado

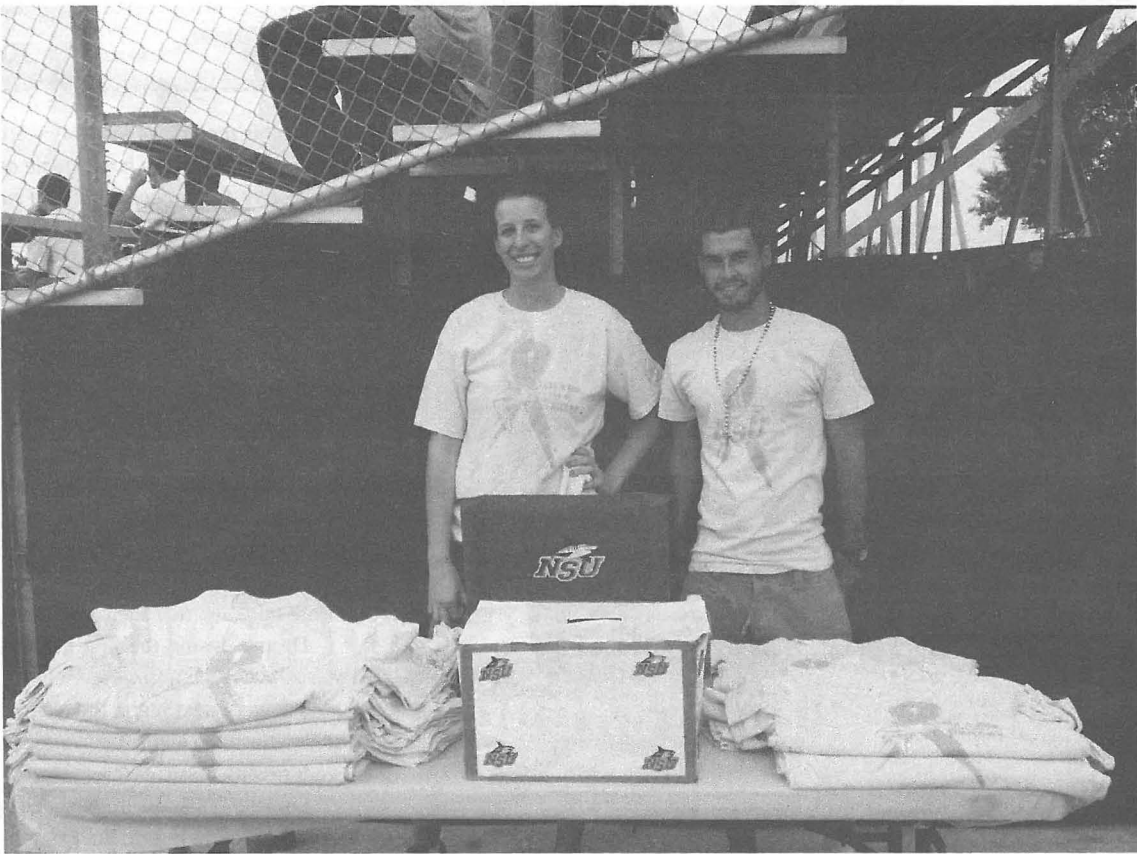
Sport and recreation management is one of the many programs offered at NSU, yet many students don't know what exactly it is, while others portray an inaccurate picture of the program. However, one doesn't have to be an athlete to be a sport and recreation management major.

Adjunct professor of sport and recreation management, Nancy Olson, began teaching at NSU in 2001. She was the executive director of the Florida Marlins and, before that, she was the athletic director of Florida International University.

Olson defines sports management as the study of how to accomplish the goals related to the administration of athletic programs.

"The field is very broad and covers amateur, including recreational, high school and collegiate programs, as well as professional sports," she said. "Almost any discipline in the area of business can be applied to sport management. It includes marketing, sales, sponsorships, media relations, community affairs, finance, game operations, broadcasting and medical services."

Peter Finley, Ph.D., associate professor of sport and recreation



Seniors Molly Sigerich and Juan Rivera assisted with game operations at an NSU Women's soccer match.

PHOTO BY: NANCY OLSON

management, warns students who only join the program to become sports agents that this is not what the program is about.

"Some students think we are a pipeline to being a sports agent. Our major would be a reasonable choice for a student who plans to go to law

school and pursue that career, but we spend almost no time prepping them for it. In fact, I prefer that students consider many career choices before they set their sights on being an agent. There are literally thousands of registered agents and most will never represent a professional athlete."

Finley's favorite class to teach is public relations in sport, in which students create their own "firms" and compete against each other.

"It's fun to watch them interact and create products they are proud of," he said.

Olson said there's a lot of

work that goes into making a sports program successful. Therefore, many career opportunities await a student with a degree in sport and recreation management.

"Almost anything which interests you can be done in the area of sport management," she said. "Let's say that you like helping the community and have an interest in non-profits. Almost every professional and college organization has a community relations department, and many of them have their own non-profits. Or, let's say that you like social media. Most sport organizations have someone who is in charge of Facebook and Twitter. The possibilities are limitless."

Jeffrey Fountain, Ph.D., associate professor of sport and recreation management, said teams and organizations are looking to hire hardworking individuals who are willing to work behind the scenes.

Finley said he would like to see more students pursue graduate assistantships, jobs in campus recreation, intramurals and club sport organizations. For students wanting to explore sport and recreation management, Finley recommends taking the Introduction to Sport Management course.

NSU rowing: Focused during fall season, ready for winter

Written by:

Kevin Preciado

On Nov. 12, NSU rowing competed in its third and final race of the fall season at the FIRA Fall Classic in Fellsmere, FL with both the Varsity eight 'A' team and the Novice Four teams winning their races.

The reigning conference champions entered the year with two new coaches: Mary Lenington, head coach and Rachel Sander, assistant coach.

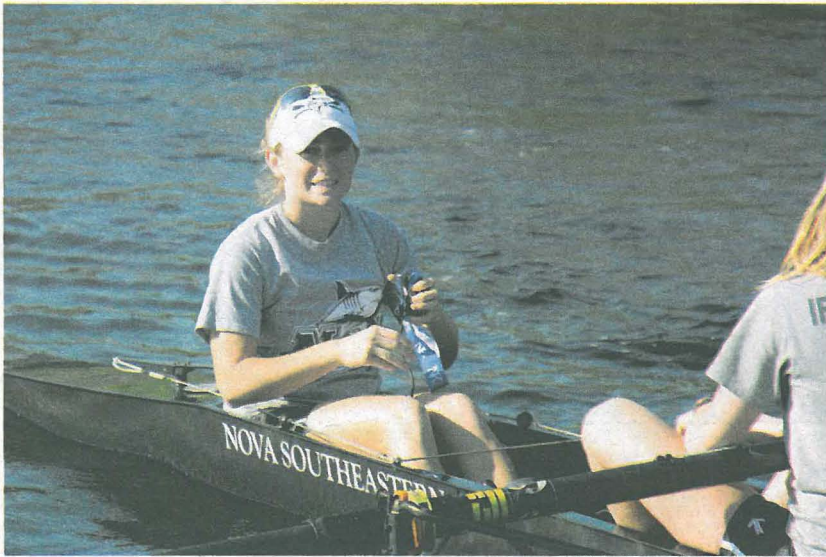
Lenington said she is pleased with the team's performances during the fall. She said there were four skills she wanted the team to really focus on.

"We're working on building their physical capabilities, their physiological fitness. We're working on their mental strength training and a lot of technique. [We're] putting that to use on a daily basis [and] pushing limits," said Lenington.

Lauren Boudreau, junior rower, said the team is getting faster and stronger and is learning a lot from both Lenington and Sander.

"I like them a lot. I really do. They're very different than our other coach, but that can be a good thing. [Lenington's] got to have a mile-long to-do list, but she never gave a hint into the stress that she was under," said Boudreau.

Caroline Kelly, sophomore rower, said the team's goal for the fall season was to see how hard they could push themselves. Kelly said she likes the support



Sophomore Courtney Berger and the rest of the NSU Rowing team will resume competition in March. COURTESY OF NSU SPORTS INFORMATION

Lenington gives the team.

"[She's] very supportive, and for only being here for three months, she was very hands on right away; just got right down to business, got us working hard," said Kelly.

Both Boudreau and Kelly said many people don't realize just how much of a team sport rowing is.

Boudreau said, "It's definitely not a sport where you can give up on yourself, because the second you give up, you're making everybody else pick up for you."

Kelly said, "[It's] very mental. A lot of sports are mental, but it's one of the most unique sports in the way that you can't be selfish. It's such a group, team effort, and you have to all pull together and trust each other. It's like a family."

The team resumes competition on Mar. 16.

My words to NSU women's basketball

New women's basketball column



Sophomore guard Jessica Russi leads the team in assists through the first two games. COURTESY OF NSU ATHLETICS

Written by: **Kevin Preciado**

This is the first of the "My words to NSU Women's Basketball" column. I'll be attending every home game and keeping everyone up to date. My goal is to inspire fans to come out and support the ladies, while sharing words of encouragement and praise to the team. Have fun reading.

It was Nov. 11, and it was tipoff time. With a new coaching staff, new players, and a new feeling, I was quite the curious cat to see how this team would perform. Since Abbie Tepe, my favorite player from last year's squad graduated, I was anxious to see who would impress me the most.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have found my new favorite player, and she is Jessica Russi, sophomore guard. Just how did she steal my basketball loving heart? Well, it was her anticipation and vision that jumped out at me. Every time I looked up, she was deflecting the ball and dishing dimes. Her wingspan and awareness make her a menace on the defensive end, and she was wreaking havoc. Another thing I like about Russi is her "game-face." She has this look of determination that she keeps throughout the match.

Despite losing the first game, the team played solid defense. The two areas they needed to fix were rebounding and turnovers and they did just that.

The very next night, the team improved their rebounding and turnovers, and they won the game. Credit must be given to Head Coach LeAnn Freeland for addressing these two areas, and congratulations on her first victory at NSU.

Danielle Robinson, freshman guard and Meixandra Porter, junior guard, were the two stars of the match. Both players attacked the rim consistently and proved to be a dynamic duo. Porter's on-ball defense has been nothing short of amazing.

I can't forget my new favorite player either, as she had three assists in the final eight minutes of the game. Her last assist was arguably the biggest play of the game, because prior to her assist, Columbus State cut the lead to one. Russi and her "game-face" would have none of this, as she delivered the crucial pass to Jessica Walter, senior guard, for the three-pointer. Cold-blooded.

Ladies, you made the NSU community very proud with your performances. Keep up the great work, stay hungry, and keep rebounding. Like the legendary Pat Riley once said, "No rebounds, no rings."

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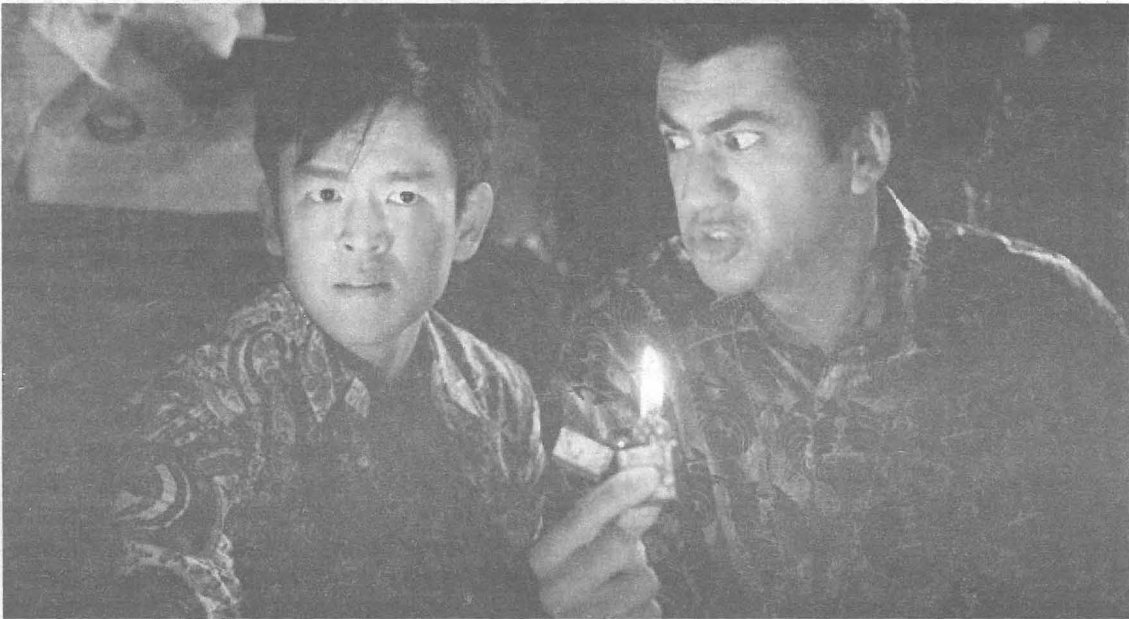
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Harold and Kumar reunite in time for a fun-filled Christmas



Harold (John Cho) and Kumar (Kal Penn) are up to their old antics in the newest addition to the Harold and Kumar series.

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Written by:
Fatima Abdi Hakim

Even before Thanksgiving, grocery stores, Hollywood, and the music industry were milking the Christmas season for all it's worth. Then again, when people think of the most wonderful time of the year, they don't generally imagine explosions, copious amounts of drugs, and Neil Patrick Harris. They probably will now (minor spoilers up ahead, folks! Avert your eyes!).

Fans of the first two Harold and Kumar movies have been waiting patiently for this third installment since it was announced in 2009 and are finally stepping out of their respective man-caves for a couple of hours to bask in its psychedelic glory.

The script by series creators Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg catches up with our weed-smoking heroes when they're in their 30s. Harold (John Cho) has made a respectable life for himself, while Kumar (Kal Penn) is in the same state of life as before. The friends have drifted apart, and I was initially

disappointed that I didn't see their buddy antics that were the core of the first two films.

But on Christmas Eve, Kumar receives an old package mailed to his former roommate and decides to try to reconnect. Their reunion at Harold's stately home immediately leads to shenanigans as the flame from an unreasonably enormous joint sets fire to the sacred Christmas tree of Harold's intimidating father-in-law, and the pair embarks on a quest to replace it.

Their journey involves the usual high-jinks, which include attempted female-on-male sexual assault, a shotgun accident involving the real Santa Claus (naturally), and an appearance by a crack-addled and aggressively heterosexual Neil Patrick Harris, as is customary. Oh, and a child who's exposed to secondhand weed smoke and dangerous amounts of cocaine and ecstasy.

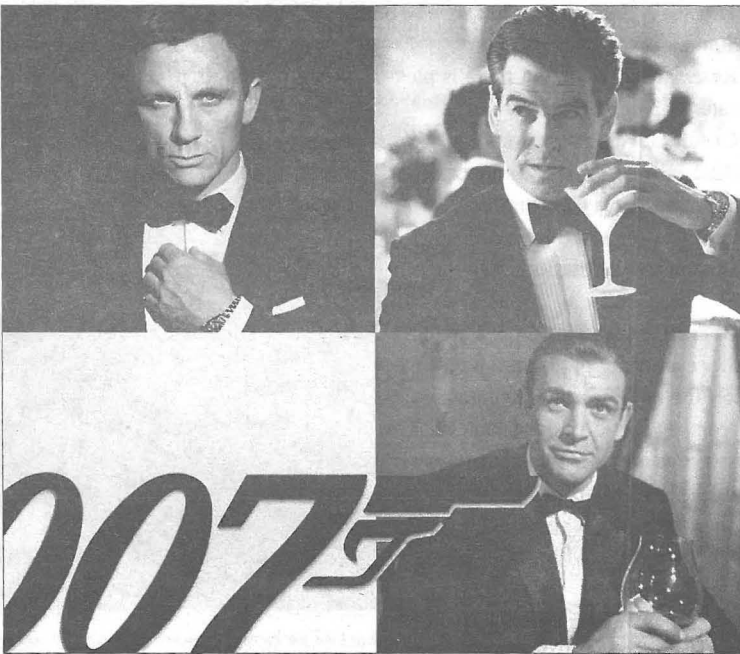
There were a lot less wincing of disgust and more laughter coming out of me during the film, and that in itself was astonishing. I'm not a fan of gross-out humor or stoner movies, and I've only ever casually watched

the first two H&K movies when I was up late and they were being aired on Comedy Central. I can't say that I enjoyed them, but I watched both anyway on account of my eternal love for NPH, which is sad but comfortable (fellow NPH fans will be slightly disappointed, however, as he isn't a huge part of the story).

The biggest drawback was the 3D. A good amount of the jokes (and the five-minute clay-mated portion of the movie) depended on flying objects zooming out at you, but it's not completely necessary. I decided against it at the last minute, and got the jokes just fine.

Once again, Harold and Kumar bring it with more creative ideas that made me laugh several times throughout the movie, along with the stoners who sat around me. These two once again prove that anything can be just a bit funnier if you add plenty of weed and nudity. And the fact that Kal Penn can still make these movies and maintain a respectable reputation at the White House is hilarious enough as it is.

Shaken not stirred: Who played the best James Bond



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Written by:
Davis Yahn

It's been more than 50 years since Ian Fleming first created the spy thriller series James Bond. Since then there have been 22 movies (two unofficial), several video games, comics and hundreds of parodies.

The world has changed much since secret agent 007 was first sent on a mission to stop Dr. Julius No and so has James Bond. Seven actors have played the tuxedo wearing, martini-sipping playboy and now with the 23rd movie, "Skyfall," there needs to be an answer to one of the most controversial questions, "Who is the best James Bond actor?"

Third Place: Daniel Craig

He is the newest actor to star as James Bond. Definitely not the best, but there is no denying Daniel Craig deserves some recognition for playing the role so well. Relying less on explosions and more on his own wit, Craig has shown the world he can fill the deep shoes of his predecessors and tangle with the best of them.

"Casino Royale" was the proof that the new direction of Bond was a much needed breath of fresh air. The reliance on the depth of the character rather than explosions has moved the series back into the mainstream and gives a very good "GQ" look that the series needed.

"Quantum of Solace" was definitely not the best Bond movie and has left me unsure of the next film, but I think there is hope and that hope is what makes me think Daniel

Craig deserves the top three.

Second Place: Pierce Brosnan

He may be the first loser but not any bit the worst. Brosnan is my personal favorite from a nostalgic point of view.

When "Goldeneye" came out in 1995 the world had changed since the last film, "License to Kill." The Cold War had ended and many worried that espionage movies would end with it. Brosnan and director Martin Campbell brought the series back with a boom and proved that James Bond was still relevant.

The whole franchise got a reboot with an all new cast, and for the first time, computer generated special effects were used to help create one of the most action packed movies yet.

Brosnan appeared three more times as Bond, each one not necessarily as good as the previous but remarkable in their own way except "Die Another Day." By then, things had gotten out of control and Brosnan had to share the screen with awkward puns and over the top special effects.

First Place: Sean Connery

Plain and simple, Connery is the original. Ian Fleming may have created James Bond but it was Sean Connery who gave the series a face. Dr. No made an impression that I don't think anyone else will ever truly live up to. The cunning, womanizing secret agent that Connery portrayed has been updated, but it still doesn't match the legacy Connery left.

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Overall impression: Located on the east side of Target parking lot, the new (to me) restaurant [3 years] is sort-of hidden; but what treasures are not? The atmosphere at Ligouri's Fired Up! is fantastic. There are neon lights, nice tables and cute girls with "Can-I-help-you?" smiles.

Upon entering the restaurant, there were face painters leaving, and I watched the lovely staff prepare a fired night. The well-kept and orderly dining place was well complimented by an open kitchen made alive by the happy chefs [you know the food's good when the chefs are proud of their work]. Our service was good, and upon hearing about the community involvement, particularly with the local Elementary

School in Cooper City, I was definitely left with a good impression and the food...

Starters: Calamari or mozzarella sticks? "Either are great" said the server. However, calamari just sounds like a good start to any Italian dining venture, and it was. Fresh and crisp rings of squid sat aside a tasty salsa. At \$9.95, it's a fair price for so much seafood.



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Amar Brar, senior finance major, enjoys a large meal from Ligouri's Fired Up! located on 5810 S. University Dr.

Entrée excellence: Pizza, wings, and sandwiches, are the items my friend and I ordered for Italian satisfaction. The chicken parmigiana sandwich was gone within seconds of landing on our table. The tasty wings were topped with parmesan and the

pizza choices were exotic [broccoli rabe & sausage, meatball ricotta cheese, eggplant carvelli...] Fresh parmesan cheese on the wings really fit the title as an exotic dish and cost only \$1.33 a wing, \$14.95 for an order of 20 meaty wings. The "Pizza" had a lot to live up to and at \$18.75, I'm not sure it did. I'll try some other entrées next time.

Service: From being greeted by a face-painter to periodic check-ups by an all-round warm staff, we extend to Fired Up! our appreciation and recommend you visit; you'll be treated like family.

Insider tip: For menu items labeled with a "JTF" logo next to it, Ligouri's Fired Up! will donate a percentage of the proceeds to the Jason Taylor foundation, whose mission is to support and create programs that facilitate the personal growth and empowerment of South Florida's children in need by focusing on improved healthcare, education and quality of life.

All in all, the smell of tomatoes, wood fire, smiles from chefs and cute hosts are reasons enough for me to stop by here again.

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December movies on SUTV will entertain you throughout the holidays



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Jennifer Aniston plays a horrible boss who sexually harasses her assistant in the movie "Horrible Bosses".

Written by: **Stephanie Fleming**

Classes may be over but the great movies on SUTV keep coming out. Throughout December, channel 96 will feature eight new movies to keep you entertained as you plan your holiday vacation.

What better way to pass the time than plotting to kill your boss? No, don't get any ideas, student employees. It's just a movie. Besides, who would want to kill Jennifer Aniston? She may play a "Horrible Boss" in the movie of the same name but not many guys I know would complain about being sexually harassed by her.

However, Charlie Day, who plays Dale Arbus, plots to kill her along with his two friends, Nick and Curt (Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis), who also plot to kill their bosses (Kevin Spacey and Colin Ferrell). The movie is full of missed opportunities (fortunately) and lots of awkwardly awesome situations.

And then there's "Crazy Stupid Love." Speaking of awkward situations, Steve Carell finds himself in many of them as he deals with marital issues with his wife (Julianne Moore) and difficult relationships with his children. He'll need to be a superhero to work out all of these conflicts.

And if you're a fan of superheroes, you'll be delighted to find "Captain America: The First Avenger" and "Iron Man" on the list. And for the fantasy lovers, there's "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows 2" or science fiction junkies, there's "Transformer: Dark of the Mind."

When you start to miss class and need a history refresher, check out "Forrest Gump" and run (literally) through the history of the country with Forrest Gump (Tom Hanks).

Last, but far from least, is one of my favorite holiday movies ever, "Elf." Will Ferrell is hilarious as the large human who was raised by Santa to believe he's an elf. When he finds out he's not, he goes to find his real father in New York City who is a wealthy businessman and not too happy to meet his long lost son who is six feet tall and dressed like an elf.

You don't have to dress like an elf to have fun this December. Just turn on SUTV and enjoy the entertainment.

"Immortals": Blood, gore and so much more

Written by:

Victoria Rajkumar

In a battle for ultimate power and control of the world, a hero must rise to the challenge — a hero who possesses not only unmatched strength and wit, but also an amazing set of sculpted abs. Needless to say, if you enjoyed watching "300," you'll love this. This is a film that won't fail in catering to your need for bloodlust. Also, this movie was made into 3D (shocking, I know) but save your cash, 2D will suffice.

"Immortals," starring Henry Cavill (yum) as Theseus, is a peasant-turned-warrior, who takes his vengeance on King Hyperion, played by Mickey Rourke, for murdering his mother and for generally being an overall jerk to mankind. The whole film centers on them acquiring the Epirus Bow, an insanely powerful weapon crafted by Ares, which Hyperion intends to use to release the menacing Titans (can you say, "apocalypse?").

Fortunately, the gods of Mt. Olympus (you know, Ares, Athena, Poseidon, Heracles and all that jazz) favor Theseus, especially Zeus, played by Luke Evans, who assists the mortal more than he should, you know, for being an all-powerful god and all.

Zeus, disguised as a creepy old man (eerily similar to Jerry Sandusky), guided Theseus from boyhood and molded him into the ideal warrior in preparation for the future battle between him and Hyperion. So sneaky.

After the ruthless killing of Theseus's mother and the slaughter of his village, the movie finally jet sets into action-mode. Some serious kick-ass moments go down, including: endless amounts of lost limbs, spears through skulls, eye gouging, a brazen bull (where "criminals" are stuffed into a metal bull and are roasted to death, super awesome stuff), and a scene where a traitor is castrated in the most brutal fashion — a mallet to the groin. Believe me, it sounds hilarious, but, ouch.

And what's an action movie without the inevitable sex scene? The oracle/virgin Phaedra, played by the gorgeous Freida Pinto, from "Slumdog Millionaire" and "The Rise of Planet of the Apes," has visions that leads Theseus not only to the Epirus Bow but also right into her robes. Some nudity ensues (Phaedra practically moons the audience), but not enough to make the average viewer hate their own body. I'm actually surprised at how "PG-13" they chose to go about filming that scene, sorry Pinto fans!

The only downfall to this movie was the casting of the Mt. Olympus gods — which is saying very little, because their acting was excellent. However, Zeus is usually played by a large guy, with a long flowy white beard and the typical "old man chest" — the staple image for the Greek legend — and instead we find the not-so-threatening Luke Evans acting as the king of all gods. Visually, it doesn't mesh well, but then again, I don't think a blonde should



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Theseus (Henry Cavill) prepares for battle against King Hyperion's (Mickey Rourke) army in the movie "Immortals."

have played Athena either.

If you crave action, blood lust, and gore — or, if you just want to catch a bunch of gorgeous men running around half-naked, check out "Immortals." It probably won't change your life, inspire you (god, I hope not), or do your self-esteem any good, but you won't be disappointed. The movie definitely delivers and is the perfect alternate film to the "Twilight" craze that is now sweeping the nation.

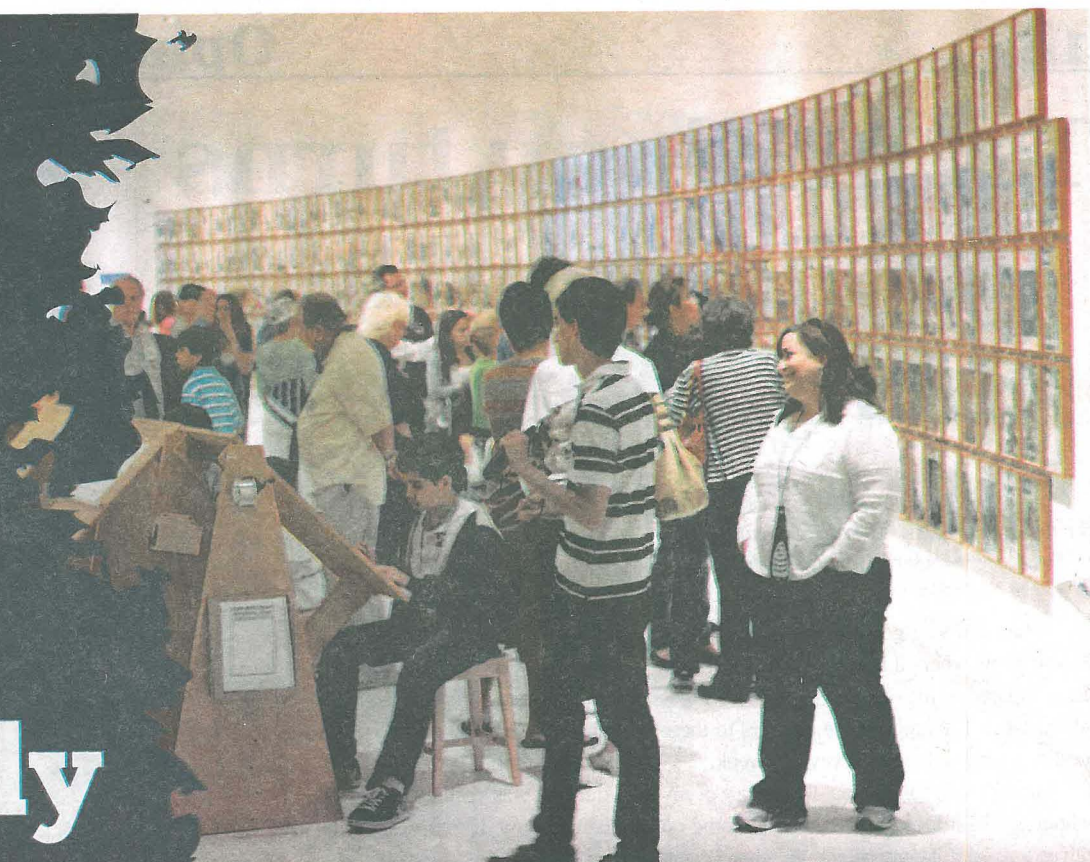
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Written by: **Davis Yahn**

When did you get your first cell phone? Do you know where it is now? What did it look like compared to the one you have now? I was baffled when I thought of the answers to these questions while taking a survey last week.

I never really think about the history of my technology, so it took me a second to come up with an answer. Like my parents do when I catch them off guard asking about their old Betamax, I too wrinkled my forehead and looked up trying to think back to the days of old. The answers made me laugh, only this time I wasn't laughing at my parents and their silly Sony. I was thinking of my first phone, a pathetic Kyocera flip phone. The tiny screen, its lack of headphone jack, Internet, email or even speakerphone, all made me cringe. It was a joke compared to my, even now, obsolete Blackberry.

Then, I fell silent as I realized how far technology has really progressed over the seven

years of my phone ownership. From what was practically a pager with a screen, I now have a fully functional computer in my pocket.

It was what I call "the future is now moment," a realization at the level of technological advancement that has been achieved in your lifetime. It's like realizing how useful mobile Internet is and how useless your life was without it. My smart phone has changed my life. Because of it, I'm never lost. I'm always informed, and if I ever need entertainment, it's a key stroke away.

Everyone should be aware of the exponentially increasing level of technology and consider the timeline of how short it has really been. Seven years ago, if a call didn't drop it was amazing. Now, if your phone won't load a Youtube video fast enough, it's garbage. If you go somewhere now, and there isn't Wi-Fi, it really wasn't worth the travel.

I was on a Delta flight not too long ago when the novel idea of Wi-Fi on a plane was introduced to me. The thought of flying and looking up sports scores seemed pretty appealing, and I was enjoying it very much until halfway into the flight the service stopped due to technical error. This definitely wasn't great considering Delta is possibly the worst airline ever, and I had nothing to do. But for the man sitting next to me, it was a catastrophe. He cursed the flight crew for the inconvenience and exclaimed how much this was going to affect him and how terrible the situation was. How could this be? A week before this flight, I didn't even know that it was possible to use Wi-Fi on a plane. How is it that your day could be ruined by something so new?

It's the same with phones; people always have to complain about how bad their phone is. "It never loads fast enough," "I always have to wait on this thing,"

"It never works... most of the time." Seriously? Give it some time people. These futuristic hand-held personal assistants are processing data from space. Yes, outer space. It is practically witchcraft how amazing this technology is. Cell phones are not perfected technology, there is a chance for failure when using your phone. Be patient and stop making a fool of yourself in public. Respect the technology.

Meet Davis Yahn: The new opinions editor



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"It doesn't matter if the window is up or the door is open, my hair always looks like that." - Davis Yahn, Opinions Editor of The Current.

Written by: **Davis Yahn**

My name is Davis and I am the new editor of the opinions section for *The Current*. This is my first year at NSU, and like my first day here and every day since, there have been lots of questions.

Where are you from?

As a constant traveler, I have grown up all over the United States. I spent my high school years on the west side of Florida, in a super-exciting suburb of Tampa (please note the sarcasm.) After my high school graduation, I decided to pack up all my things and move to Colorado to attend school in Boulder. I completed an associate's degree while pursuing a major in communications. After I got my A.A., I left the mountains to come back to sunny Florida to continue my education. Now, I am a happy resident of Ft. Lauderdale.

What is your major?

Communications Studies.

What are your interests (other than being opinions editor of course)?

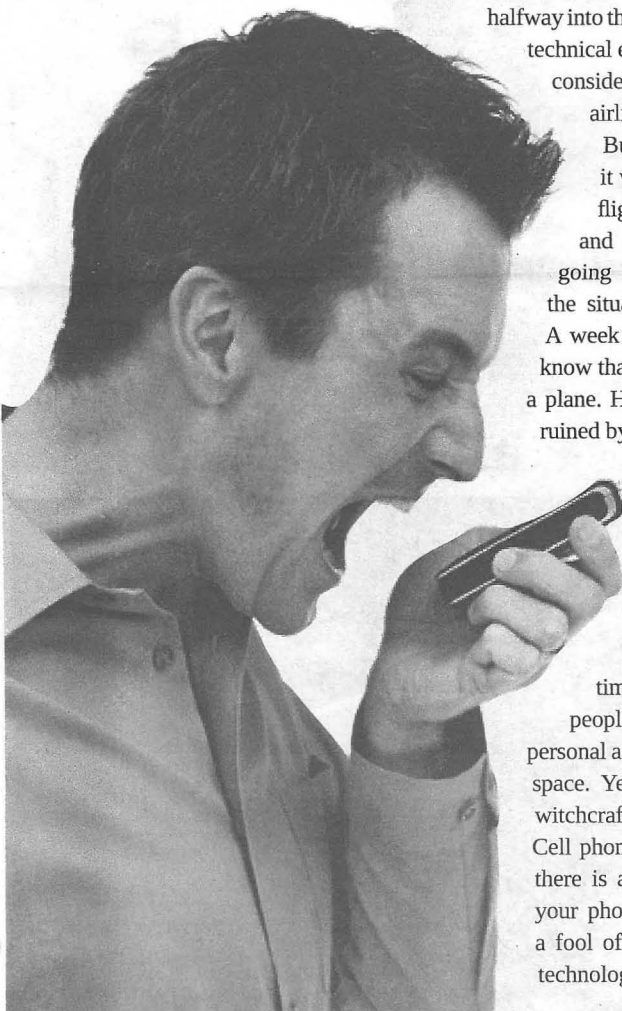
I really enjoy the outdoors. Hiking, fishing and snowboarding are some of my favorite activities, but my major passion is cars. I've been around motor sports since I was a kid and still stay involved in different levels of racing.

What is your favorite part of working for *The Current*?

I have had the opportunity to meet some pretty radical people!

As opinions editor, what inspires you to write?

I like to voice my opinions in every day life, so I figured this would be a great platform to share them with the NSU community and get people talking. In addition, I find inspiration in my wonderful girlfriend, my family and Jeremy Clarkson.



At least look smart.



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Why state benefits should only be awarded to those who meet state regulations

Written by:

Dean Gabriel Williams

The battle over immigration policy has affected higher education in Florida. An article published in *USA Today* on Nov. 2, reported that five students sued the state in October for denying them in-state tuition even though they were born, raised, and attended school in the state. The students are arguing that state residency requirements, for educational purposes, are independent of citizenship status.

Some might argue that the students should not be punished for the actions of their parents. In most instances, this is certainly the case. These students, however, have received state resources (K-12 education) that their parents did not contribute to, and it would be unfair to those who have contributed to the state's budget for these students to continue to receive state resources (in-state tuition).

In the instance of state benefits supported by taxpayer dollars, it is not only sufficient, but necessary, that Florida tailor legislation to curb these gross excesses by both individuals illegally in the U.S. and their dependents.

The crux of students' argument rests on an opinion written by Colorado Attorney General John Suthers in 2007. Suthers argues that "Because it is the student...who is the legal beneficiary of in-state tuition status, the fact that the parents may be in the country illegally is not a bar to

the student's receipt of that benefit..."

Suthers indeed has a strong argument, and further, a powerful legal maneuver in his favor: Section 1 of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Essentially, what this section of the amendment affords these students is the right to be, whether by birth or naturalization, citizens of the United States and the state of residence, and further, to not have their rights and privileges infringed upon by the state.

However, Florida may indeed discriminate on the basis of citizenship. The major legal maneuver that the state can utilize is the 10th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which essentially gives Florida the power and authority to regulate in-state education, as this is not expressly delegated to Congress.

Florida Regulation 7.005 details "Residency for Tuition Purposes." This regulation does three important things. First, Regulation 7.005(1) (b), in line with the federal income tax code, defines a dependent as a person who can be claimed by and receives more than 50 percent of his or her support from parents. Second, Regulation 7.005(1) (2) (a) affirms that the parents of a dependent student must have "established legal residence in the state of Florida for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the student's enrollment in a university." Third, Regulation 7.005 (2) (d) asserts that "The legal residence of a dependent's...parents is...evidence of the dependent's legal residence."

Because the 10th Amendment gives Florida the power and authority to regulate in-state benefits, and further, because Florida Regulation 7.005 furthers an important government interest (public education) in a way that is substantially related to that interest (providing in-state tuition rates to state residents, as a benefit of state residency), Florida Regulation is not adverse to Section 1 of the 14th Amendment.

Florida grants residency for in-state tuition purposes independent of state residency. This is not only allowable but plausible and can be summarized in one word: taxes. Individuals with work visas, permanent residents and citizens pay income taxes at the federal level. The federal government then allocates monies to state educational initiatives, relative to state population and income taxes paid. Because Florida public institutions are funded by state monies, the state may craft legislation that restricts access to state benefits, of which in-state tuition qualifies.

The manner in which Florida Regulation 7.005 (1) (b) incorporates the federal tax code is the saving grace of Florida's case. The federal income tax code does not reference individuals illegally in the U.S. because they do not pay income taxes. It follows then, that because individuals illegally in the U.S. do not contribute to the national budget and Florida's budget, they should not be entitled to receive national and state benefits.

Diary of...

Do you have an interesting story, or know another student with an interesting story?



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On the Scene:

This week students were asked what they liked or didn't like about the Shark Shuttle.

I don't like the shark shuttle. It takes forever. It can take like 20 minutes to get around campus which can make you late for class. They stop for everything even when there is no one at the bus stop. **Leivaughn Lyn, sophomore biology major**

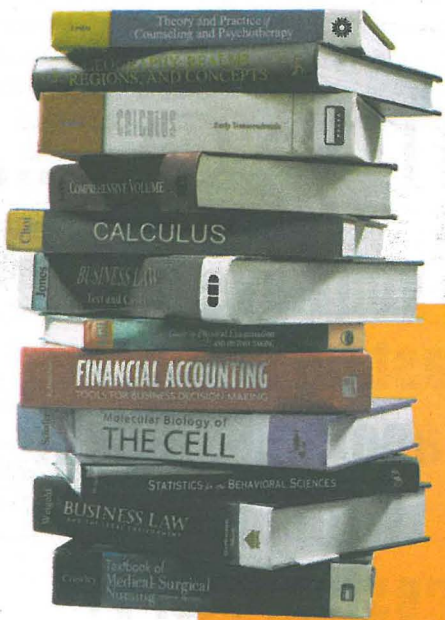
"It's good but I'd rather walk. It takes too long to get around campus." **Taylor Smith, freshman biology major**

"A lot of people use it. It's very convenient especially if you don't have a car. It takes you to the mall and to Publix everyday. Also when it is raining or if it's hot outside, it's great." **Alexis Sands junior psychology major**

One thing I don't like is that it's not as prompt as I would want to be but, the most I've ever waited is 15 minutes so it's not that bad. It is really great to get to Rolling Hills. The drivers are really nice and are passionate about what they do. They're very friendly and will help you if you are lost or don't know where you're going. **Emmanuel Blimie, MBA in Marketing**

It's how I get to work. It does take forever to get there but it's worth it. The drivers are really nice. **Natasha Macias freshman biology major**

"I ride it all the time. I wish it took me home. The drivers are friendly and if you are too they really help you out." **Rashida Allen, senior communication studies**



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